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SMALLPOX AT NAPLES.

During the week ended December 14, 1901, there were officially reported at Naples 16 cases of smallpox and 1 death.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *December 16, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions at this station for the week ended December 14, 1901: There were inspected 6 ships with a total crew of 525, cabin passengers, 62, and steerage passengers, 394. For the steamship *America Maru*, sailing on December 10, for San Francisco, 288 steerage passengers were bathed and had their baggage disinfected. The health condition of the port remains good and no plague, smallpox, or cholera has been reported.

The Japan Times of Tokyo, for the 7th instant, reported that a rat containing plague germs had been caught at Kobe, but I have been unable to obtain any confirmation of this report. The same publication of the 6th instant, stated that the foot and mouth disease had been stamped out in Hyogo Ken.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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MEXICO.

Reports from Vera Cruz—Yellow fever continues.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *December 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended December 21:

From yellow fever there were 10 cases and 9 deaths reported, and 46 deaths reported from all causes.

Last week there were 15 cases and 7 deaths from yellow fever, so the comparison shows an improvement in the situation. This diminution in the number of cases, I think, is due to the extreme cool weather that has been prevalent during the past ten days.

Article 64 of the Mexican quarantine regulations that provides for the disinfection of baggage from ports infected with yellow fever will no longer be enforced at this port, as fomites are not believed to be capable of conveying the disease.

Individual health certificates will no longer be necessary for passengers leaving this port for Cuban and United States ports. An individual examination of the passengers and crews of vessels will be made just before sailing and all necessary information will be entered in the bill of health of the vessel.

I have been invited by the Mexican quarantine authorities to accom-